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VIA EMAIL and FEDERAL EXPRESS

Harry R. Steinmetz (3HS62) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

RE: Letter on the Safety Light Corporation Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Steinmetz,

This serves as Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation's ("Fairchild") response to the letter from Joanne Marinelli regarding the Safety Light Superfund Site. To the extent the focus of your questions is for activity that occurred before February 1997, Fairchild had no dealings with any of the companies mentioned in your letter because we did not yet exist. Fairchild also searched its enterprise system (PeopleSoft) for any dealings with Safety Light or its subsidiaries. We found two dealings with subsidiaries of Safety Light since 1997 in PeopleSoft. Fairchild also found some shipping records from 2010 which indicated an additional shipment to a subsidiary of Safety Light.

Fairchild Did Not Exist Prior to February 1997

Fairchild did not come into existence until February 1997. I enclose a copy of our certificate of incorporation from Delaware dated February 10, 1997. To the extent any activity took place to February 1997, Fairchild (the company on whose behalf I respond) did not contribute to it.

Some history of Fairchild Semiconductor might help clarify this answer. Until 1979, Fairchild Semiconductor was an independent company. It is known as the founder of Silicon Valley. In 1979, the original Fairchild was bought by Schlumberger Corporation, a French oil services company, who owned Fairchild until 1987 when it was bought by National Semiconductor Corporation ("National"). National merged Fairchild's operations into its other semiconductor businesses, and the Fairchild name was no longer used.

In March of 1997, Fairchild (my Company) again became an independent company. Fairchild was formed by taking several divisions of National Semiconductor Corporation and spinning them out into a new company. As part of the asset purchase agreements between Fairchild and National, National retained the liabilities of the

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original Fairchild for cleaning up environmental sites (as, I believe, Schlumberger had done when it sold Fairchild to National). Texas Instruments Inc. purchased National last year. Based on my experience with these matters, it is Schlumberger which would own the environmental liabilities of Fairchild Semiconductor which predate 1979.

The Current Fairchild Company Did Business with Two Listed Subsidiaries

Fairchild searched PeopleSoft for any business dealings with the following companies: U.S. Radium Corporation, Safety Light Corporation, Lime Ridge Industries, Inc., USR Industries, Inc., USR Metals, Inc., Metreal Corporation, Isolite Corporation, U.S. Natural Resources, Inc., USR Chemical Products, Inc., USR Lighting Products, Inc., UNATCO Funding Corporation, and Shield Source Incorporated. Fairchild found business dealings with Isolite Corporation ("Isolite") and Shield Source Inc. ("Shield Source"). We include the PeopleSoft records showing payments made to Isolite and Shield Source since 1997, one in 2005 and one in 2006.

PeopleSoft is designed to keep track of any business dealings with any vendors of Fairchild. It holds all the accounts payable records of Fairchild since its inception. What PeopleSoft does not contain, however, is records of employee corporate credit card transactions.

As we searched for shipping records for the 2005 and 2006 transactions, we found evidence of an additional shipment to Shield Source in 2010. Like the shipment in 2005, Fairchild shipped the exit signs to a site in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.

Specific Answers to the Information Requested

In all instances I am responding on behalf of Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation ("Fairchild") as described above. I assume that where Fairchild Semiconductor Inc. ("FSI") is referenced, you intend to inquire about Fairchild. We don't have information about what may have happened at different companies prior to March 1997.

1. Fairchild searched its records and found three dealings with affiliates of Safety Light:

<u>2005 Transaction</u>: In 2005 Fairchild's plant in Utah did \$3900 worth of business with Shield Source Inc. The records state that approximately 52 Exit Signs were shipped to a Shield Source facility in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.

<u>2006 Transaction</u>: In 2006, Fairchild's plant in Maine did \$5175 worth of business with Isolite Corp. The records state that approximately 69 Exit Signs were shipped to Isolite's facility in Bloomsburg, PA.

<u>2010 Transaction</u>: In 2010 Fairchild's plant in Maine spent \$100 to ship approximately 20 Exit Signs to a Shield Source facility in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.

- 2. Fairchild doesn't know what Isolite or Shield Source did with the returned Exit Signs. However the 2006 shipment to Isolite went to Bloomsburg, PA so it seems reasonable to conclude that those shipments might have ended up in the Site. It also seems reasonable to conclude that the 2005 and 2010 shipments to Canada did not end up in the Site.
- 3. We believe the Exit signs shipped to Shield Source and Isolite contained radioactive materials or items containing radionuclides.
- 4. (a) Nov 2005, April-August 2006, July 2010.
 - (b) Disposal of Exit signs originally purchased from Shield Source/Isolite.
 - (c) See the attached records for most of this information. Only the 2006 shipment appears to have been to the Site. Fairchild people with knowledge include:

John Gervais, Engineering Manager, Maine Joel Rouillard, Environmental, Facilities Manager, Maine Jean Clancy, Environmental, Engineering Technician, Maine Lew Fick, Facilities Manager, Utah Mike Bouchard, Purchasing, Maine Sharon Bourgeois, Accounts Payable, Maine Ron Guertin, Safety Engineer, Maine (2006)

All of the above except for Mr. Guertin are current Fairchild employees and can be contacted through my office.

- (d) Per the documents, the 2005 shipment was made using FedEx ground. The 2006 shipments were made using FedExSaver. The 2010 shipment was made via FedEx ground. The attached documents contain Fairchild's knowledge on this subject.
- (e) The attached documents answer these questions. Persons who were involved with the shipping include Jean Clancy and Lew Fick.
- (f) The attached documents include some Maine State Registries and correspondence that mention Exit Signs. We have no other documents or information on this matter.
- (g) We included all relevant documents we could locate.
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- (i) There are no predecessors-in-interest of Fairchild who would have been involved in these matters. Anything that occurred since March 1997 would have been done as Fairchild. Anything prior to March 1997 would have been done by a company unrelated to Fairchild.
- 5. We have found only three transactions involving Shield Source and Isolite. Only one likely involves the Site. All three transactions were for the disposal of Exit Signs.
- 6. The following individuals were consulted to respond to the EPA Letter:

John Gervais, Engineering Manager, Maine
Joel Rouillard, Environmental, Facilities Manager, Maine
Kevin Silva, Environmental Health & Safety Engineer, Maine
Jean Clancy, Environmental, Engineering Technician, Maine
Lew Fick, Facilities Manager, Utah
Mike Bouchard, Purchasing, Maine
James Greg Matthews, Environmental Engineer, Maine
Sharon Bourgeois, Accounts Payable, Maine
John Barlock, Finance, IT Business Partner, Maine

All of the above are current employees of Fairchild who can be contacted through my office.

- 7. There are no additional people that Fairchild knows of who are better able to provide additional information.
- 8. As mentioned above, National Semiconductor Corporation (now owned by Texas Instruments Inc.) or Schlumberger Corporation may have information regarding activities that took place before Fairchild became a company in 1997.
- 9. Fairchild does not know of documents produced since 1997 that are no longer available.

Sincerely,

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